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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

Barendse et al.

Serial No. 09/089,871

Filed: June 4, 1998

Title: High-Activity Phytase  
Compositions

Examiner: Delia M. Ramirez

Group Art Unit: 1652

**REPLY TO THE OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED JUNE 13, 2002**

Box DD  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231-9999

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 13, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the patent application identified above in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments**

**In the claims:**

Please amend claims 18, 19, 31, 34 and 40 as follows.

18. (Five Times Amended) A phytase-containing granulate prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a non-fibrous solid carrier comprising at least 15% (w/w) of an edible carbohydrate polymer;